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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

ZUBKOV ET AL.

Examiner

Fazli Erdem

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 November 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 5-8, 10-13 and 15-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 5-8 and 10-13 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 15-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-3, 5-8 and 10-13 allowed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 15-17 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Besser et al. (6,633,085) in view of Chu et al. (6,881,669) further in view of Lopatin et al. (6,703,307).

Regarding Claims 15-17, Besser et al. disclose a method of selectively alloying interconnect regions by ion implantation where in Fig. 6, surface of silicon oxide layer 34 is implanted/doped by dopants 42 thereby forming a barrier layer, extending from within the silicon dioxide layer to the surface of the silicon oxide layer 34. Claim 9 of Besser et al. disclose that the dopants could be one of Calcium, which is a divalent ion.

Furthermore, consequently, a conductive plug layer 48 is deposited on the surface of the barrier layer, preventing diffusion of copper into the substrate. Following the copper fill process an anneal process is performed. Besser et al. fail to disclose copper layer on the surface of the divalent ionic barrier layer and the required multiple silicon dioxide layers. However, Chu et al. disclose a process for making electronic devices having monolayer diffusion barrier where in paragraph 12 and in claims 1-3 the required copper layer formation method on the surface of divalent ionic barrier layer is disclosed. Furthermore,

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Lopatin et al. disclose a method of implanting after copper seed deposition where in Fig. 3, multiple silicon dioxide layers are disclosed.

It would have been obvious to one of having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include the required copper formation on the surface of the divalent ionic barrier layer and the required multiple silicon oxide layers in Besser et al. as taught by Lopatin et al. in order to have a multi-layer semiconductor device.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Fazli Erdem whose telephone number is (571) 272-1914. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F 8:00 - 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan Flynn can be reached on (571) 272-1915. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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